



**Stanislaus County Children's Council Minutes**  
November 14, 2007

**Members Present:**

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Dwight Bateman,  
Disability Resource Agency for Independent Living

Tom Changnon, Superintendent of Schools

Tom Ciccarelli, United Way

Adam Christianson, Sheriff

Rosemary Crippen, District 1 Representative

William Fagan,  
Stanislaus County Housing Authority

Birgit Fladager, District Attorney

Arturo Flores, Modesto City Schools

Doris Foster  
Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office

Raul Garcia, El Concilio Community Center

Veronica Garcia  
Local Child Care Resource and Referral

Denise Hunt  
Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

Richard Jacobs  
Valley Mountain Regional Center

Judy Kindle  
Sierra Vista Child and Family Services

Linda Kovacs, District 4 Representative

Mary Ann Lee, Health Services Agency

Bob Loretelli, Superintendent, Hickman Schools

Judith R. Loretelli, District 2 Representative

Honorable Linda McFadden, Superior Court

Rod Landes, District 3 Representative

Nancy Millberry  
Child Abuse Prevention Committee

Dick Monteith, Board of Supervisors

Rhonda Parker, Parent Representative

Ken Patterson, Community Services Agency

Ruben Pina, District 5 Representative

Jerry Powers, Probation

Madelyn Schlaepfer, PhD  
Alcohol and Drug Programs

Ham Shirvani, President, CSU Stanislaus

John Sims  
Children and Families Commission

Jan Viss, Community Services Agency

Roy Wasden  
Domestic Violence Taskforce

Helen White, Community Representative

Charmain Monte for Tom Changnon, Office of Education  
Tom Ciccarelli, United Way  
William Fagan, Housing Authority  
Carol Shipley for Birgit Fladager, District Attorney  
Raul Garcia, El Concilio Community Center  
Veronica Garcia, Local Child Resource and Referral Agency  
Denise Hunt, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services  
Dick Jacobs, Valley Mountain Regional Center  
Rod Landes, District 3 Representative  
Nancy Fisher for Mary Ann Lee, Health Services Agency  
Juliene Flanders for Judy Loretelli, District 2 Representative  
Honorable Linda McFadden, Superior Court  
Jeanette Merchant for Nancy Millberry, Child Abuse Prevention Council  
Dick Monteith, Supervisor, District 4  
Patrice Dietrich, Community Services Agency  
Jill Silva for Jerry Powers, Probation  
Madelyn Schlaepfer, Alcohol and Drug Programs  
Dan Rosas for John Sims, Children and Families Commission  
Jan Viss, Community Services Agency  
Gene Balentine for Chief Roy Wasden, Modesto Police Department

**Staff Present:** Cheryl Heppner, Coordinator

**Guests Present:** Juan Ramirez, Child Abuse Prevention Council

Meeting began 3:35 p.m.

**I. WELCOME**

Carol Shipley – Chair

**II. MINUTES from October 17, 2007 approved:**

Moved by Dick Jacob  
Seconded by Rod Landes  
Motion carried unanimously

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### **III. INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Jan Viss – There has been an increase in the number of child abuse reports and children in care since the start of the new school year.

Nancy Fisher – Urgent care hours will be changing to evening hours from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Gene Balentive – Football and basketball programs are well underway. Karl Finch has joined the Modesto Police Department as a police volunteer and will be taking over the Diversion Program.

Veroncia Garcia – The Toy Lending Library is now open. It was first intended to be a resource for child care providers, but it is open to kids of all ages in the community. The library has educational toys which can be checked out as well as books.

Raul Garcia – REALES (Respect and Education About Law Enforcement Services) program has kicked off. This is a program which includes the combined efforts of the Modesto Police Department.

200 people were in attendance at the Citizenship Community Forum. Follow-up to the forum will be the ESL Citizenship Classes and a drive to assist in completing the application form.

Honorable Linda McFadden – Child Protective Services and Probation are working together on the Mentor Program. Currently are looking for Mentors in the service areas.

Linda will be attending a “Beyond the Bench” conference in San Diego, December 11 – 14.

Three new Judges have been hired, one to work in the Delinquency Court. The Delinquency Court is moving downtown and a child-friendly court room is in the planning stages.

### **IV. ONE-MINUTE STATUS REPORTS BY DOMAIN**

#### **Community Based**

Denise Hunt – Behavioral Health will be having a Work Force Education Training and Planning for their employees.

Madelyn Schlaepfer – An initiative for non-violent Offender youth for alcohol and drug abuse will be on the November 2008 ballot.

#### **Law Enforcement**

Carol Shipley – Three new Deputy District Attorney's are hired. The former DA's will be honored this week.

The Family Justice Center is still considering site locations and working on raising money to cover the operational costs for the first 3 years. Currently have a Grant Writer who has offered their services at no cost. A presentation on the Family Justice Center was recently made to the Board of Supervisors.

Honorable Linda McFadden – There is a need in the county to have a drop-in center for the youth. Hutton House is full and Hutton House and Center for Human Services are not able to meet all the needs on a long term basis.

Jill Silva – The Juvenile Facility is currently undergoing a Needs Assessment.

Gene Balentine – GREAT (Gang Resistance Education And Training), is expanding to include families (i.e. GREAT and families). This is a 6 week program where officers work with offenders and their families.

Tom Ciccarelli – 211 is running and the kinks are being worked out.

### **Education**

Veronica Garcia – Currently are working with school districts applying for the RFA Grants for the expansion of pre-school programs.

### **Social Services**

Dick Jacobs – Autism numbers have increased to 1 out of every 150 live births. He offered to do a presentation in the spring.

Patrice Dietrich – Community Services Agency’s Strategic Plan is now complete. Its purpose is to increase the access of services.

Jan Viss – Emergency Response Division has undergone some procedure changes. Unless the situation is one where immediate action is required, the child or children cannot be placed in protective custody. These changes have resulted in an increase in work load.

### **Community**

Julienne Flanders – Turlock Recreation Department together with other agencies in the area will be offering a new program in April, called Healthy Families, Healthy Earth. It is designed to give families information regarding health related issues.

**V. PRESENTATION ON “THE STATE INCENTIVE GRANT ON UNDERAGE AND BINGE DRINKING; A SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS” – Linda Jue**

**VI. PRESENTATION OF FINAL REPORT OF “CONDITION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH”**

The decision was to postpone **voting on the final report** to the **December meeting**. More information needed for the categories of Child Poverty and Child Abuse and Neglect. Jan Viss is to provide Cheryl Heppner with the information.

Presentation to the Board of Supervisors planned for January 2008.

**VII. VOTING ON CHANGE IN BY-LAWS:** Moved by William Fagan  
Seconded by Madelyn Schlaepfer  
Motion carried unanimously

**The removal of Promoting Safe and Stable Families Commission from Article IV Committees, Section 1 – Number and Name, as an ad hoc committee to be voted on in December.**

**VIII. VOTING FOR 2008 OFFICERS:** Officers Elected – Dick Jacobs, Chair  
Jill Silva, Chair-Elect  
Jan Viss, Vice-Chair  
Carol Shipley remains a member of the Executive Committee as Past-Chair.

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Child Abuse Prevention Council – Area hospitals implemented the shaken baby syndrome campaign November 1, 2007.

Child Abuse Prevention Calendar for 2008 is in process.

Children and Families Commission - Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, Health Services Agency will be unveiling the results to a study done on infant mortality in the county.

Children and Families Commission community report was distributed to the community last month.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Care Provider Conference will be held at MJC, February 15, 2008.

**X. NEXT MEETING:**  
**December 19, 2007**  
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Salida Library  
4835 Sisk Road  
Salida

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Heppner, Children's Council Coordinator